

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

NOVEMBER 17, 2021



## BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to our weekly newsletter! ***Wednesdays at Bethany*** will include important announcements for the life of the congregation. If you'd like to receive the email without the PDF attachment, please let us know. And if you would rather not receive this newsletter, please let us know and you will be removed from the list.



In this time of COVID-19, we are still unable to have our annual Dinner and Talent Revue on the Saturday before Thanksgiving this year. However, we ARE expressing our gratitude to God for our many blessings that day!

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving 2021, with a drive through collection of items for the [San Bruno Catholic Worker Hospitality House](#). Come to 2400 Rosewood Drive, San Bruno, on Saturday, November 20, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., to drop off your donations of nonperishable food, blankets, and warm outerwear! [See a list of suggested items here.](#)

If you would like to participate, but are not available on November 20, please contact us to arrange for items to be picked up. No donation is too big or too small!

We hope to have a large turnout at the Donation Station for our local homeless shelter, and take joy in sharing our blessings with others!



***“A Surprising God: Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time:*** by Thomas G. Long, Donyelle C. McCray: “The world is slowly emerging from the worst global emergency in a century, and the myriad struggles of the contemporary moment—division, isolation, illness, and uncertainty—make living our faith a challenge. For Christians, a number of questions have gained new urgency: Where do we find hope when it seems in such short supply? Where are the signs of God's peace in this divided world? Where do we find a deeper sense of joy?”

If you are interested in participating in an **Advent Study** of the devotional above, please contact Pastor Deb to get a book! **The study will meet in person AND via Zoom, starting Monday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, and continuing Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor Deb will send participants the Zoom meeting invitation via email.

***Fellowship Time:*** We would like to provide brewed coffee, hot water, and a couple of snacks each Sunday after worship. Congregants can sign up to bring an item to share, i.e. fruit, coffee cake, donuts, bagels - you get the idea! Items will be available in the narthex, and congregants will be encouraged to take their snacks out to the patio to eat and visit. The list is available at the church, or you can contact the church office to sign up for a particular Sunday.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this new way of fellowshiping with each other! If you have any questions or concerns, please share with Rev. Deb, Pam Matthews, or Tamra Hollenbeck.

***The 2022 Stewardship Letters and Pledge Cards*** have been mailed out. Please complete and return your pledge no later than November 30, 2021. We will be dedicating this year's Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, Nov 21, 2021.

Thank you,  
The Financial Trustees

***Pastor Deb will be on vacation starting Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be back on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.***

If you have an emergency requiring a pastor, please contact elder Lyn Hughes ((650) 867-0667) and she will get in touch with the pastor on call.

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will welcome Peter Stiehler, Director of the San Bruno Hospitality House, to Bethany. On November 28<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent, we will welcome Cassie Carroll, a certified candidate in the PCUSA, currently searching for the church she will call home.

***A funeral mass for Barbara Lucas*** will be celebrated Saturday November 20th at 10:00am at St. Roberts Church, 1380 Crystal Springs Ave., San Bruno. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Barbara's memory to a charity of your choice.



***Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House:*** There is a plastic bin outside the door closest to the lower parking lot at Bethany for Peter Stiehler's shelter donations so people can continue to donate for the shelter. The box will be periodically checked and items taken down to Peter's Second Ave. shelter. Any questions about this please contact Rina Ranahan: (650) 291-6979. Urgent needs right now are toilet paper, canned soup, jelly, syrup, and cereal

**A current list of shelter needs is on our website:**

<http://bethanypcusa.org/we-do/shelter-needs.html>



***Liturgists Needed:*** Have you thought about participating in leading worship? Have you thought "I could stand up there and read scripture!" Then maybe you could be the liturgist! The liturgists are provided with a full script, so you don't have to worry about what to say. For more information, and if you're interested, please contact Pam Matthews, chair of Worship Committee – [fpmatthews@aol.com](mailto:fpmatthews@aol.com) or the church office.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Wed. 11/17 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Prayz rehearsal, 6 – 7 p.m.

- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 11/20 - Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 11 a.m.)

- Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Donation Station, 2-4 p.m.

Committee chairs/group leaders: please let me know if you have any changes to these dates.

Bethany Storytime

Saturdays at 11 on Facebook  
Bethany San Bruno

Prayer Time

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

A time to meet as the body of Christ, and pray together using Zoom. Shared readings, poetry, guided meditation, and of course the prayers of the People. Please contact us to be invited to the Zoom meeting: [bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org](mailto:bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org)

### **Prayers 11-14-21**

- Comfort for the DeLand family as they grieve the loss of Orrin; thanksgiving for those who helped organize the service (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Dave's brother Phil, who started chemo for his lung cancer, but developed an infection; prayers for Dave's son Justin and his girlfriend Akeesha who had a baby – Jim Benedict Wales! (Dave Wales)
- Prayers for Freda's family, as her birthday is tomorrow; prayers for Jorie as she goes to visit her Mom for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (Jorie Abbott)
- Prayer for Tamra's eldest Piper who turns 40 this week – gratitude for her and her life; thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, and joy for people returning to worship; prayers for the climate change conference – for the disparity between wealthy and poor nations, and what they are willing and able to do (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for extended family – Craig's brother in law, who is the caregiver for Eddy's mom, for his brother Alan, who passed away suddenly, prayers of comfort and guidance (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for Julie, who is traveling with her two cats on a two week road trip; for a young man named Miko, who runs a hauling business, and is having trouble with his truck (Bonnie Morgan)

### **Prayers 11-07-21**

- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Orrin DeLand, who passed away on Friday 11/05 (Paul Delander)
- Prayers for Kathleen, as she is in the early stages of Alzheimers – thanksgiving for her family and friends, who surround her, love her, and support her (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers of healing for Dave's brother Phil, who just started chemo and radiation for lung cancer (Dave Wales)
- Prayers for Paul, as he struggles with muscle weakness and pain in his knee (Paul Feliciano)

### **Prayers from 10/24/2021**

- Prayers for Kathy's brother-in-law Bruce; for Jessica & David waiting for their baby to be born; thanksgiving for rain, and concerns about mudslides/storm damage (Kathy Fogle)
- Prayers for George's friend Cary, taking a trip to Seattle to see his mother, who is not doing well; for his friend Dennis, struggling to find work and housing; gratitude for the Matthews giving him a place to stay (George Lynch)
- Prayers for young families trying to have children – for friends dealing with miscarriage; for others in the process being pregnant – for complications and concerns; for Tamra's neighbor Robin, who recently lost her husband and has been lonesome (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Thank God for the rain, prayers for safe driving (Leslie Olson)
- Prayers for Craig's friend Robert, who lost his mother this week; for 9 yo girl, Melissa, in the process of leg extension surgery (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for Bonnie's niece Elizabeth struggling with Covid; for Alba Cunningham, her neighbors mother, who is in pain and cognitive decline; for Orrin's health; for people experiencing culture shock in beginning to interact in the world again; for families whose grieving does not stop when the memorials are over; for Randy (Deb McGuire)



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## PRESBYTERIANS

### **Bethany's Purpose Statement:**

Bethany's purpose is to provide a nurturing and energizing environment to feed the soul so we can go out into the world and reflect the glory of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Bethany's Welcoming Statement:**

We don't yet know who you are,  
but we do know that you are a dearly beloved child of God,  
and you're already welcome here.  
We invite you, on your unique spiritual journey,  
to join us in the life and ministry at Bethany.



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